Bureau Chiefs

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Unidentified Flying Objects

The following summary is being disseminated to the field as a
matter of general information and interest:

    1. The following conclusions are presented by a panel
of Scientific Consultants called upon to evaluate any possible
threat to the national security posed by Unidentified Flying
Objects (Flying Saucers):

    a. Evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects
shows no indication that they constitute a direct physi-
cal threat to the national security, nor is there evidence
that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of
current scientific concepts.

    b. Continued emphasis on the reporting of this pheno-
mena does constitute a threat to the orderly functioning
of the protective organs of the nation. Examples: chan-
nels of communications are clogged by irrelevant reports;
continued false alarms lead to the ignoring of real in-
dications of hostile actions; creation of a morbid nation-
al psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could
induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly
constituted authority.

    2. To minimize the concomitant dangers above and to
strengthen national facilities so that true indications of
hostile actions may be recognized and appropriately handled
the Panel recommends:

    a. That the national security agencies take immediate
steps to strip the Objects of the special status they
have been given and the aura of mystery they have acquired.

    b. That the national security agencies institute
policies on intelligence, training and public education
designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale
of the country to recognize promptly and react effectively
to true indications of hostile intent or action.

    c. That an integrated program be designed to reassure
the public of the total lack of evidence of hostile forces
behind the phenomena, to train personnel to recognize and

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report false indications quickly and effectively, and
to strengthen regular channels for the evaluation of and
prompt reaction to true indications of hostile measures.

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